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Roger,

I hope he will find someone who can be of good help. I just learned that a French publisher will be publishing «a small Harry Potter dictionary», so we will have some competition. It is a smaller format that will be sold 15.00\$ and released at the same time as book 7. So it would be even more important now to put on the front page the quote from Rowling about her liking the site.

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**À :** marc@ariane.qc.ca  
**Objet :** Quentin

Dear Marc:

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Thanks,  
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section of the Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix DVD. You should also know that a timeline he created for the series has been used on the past three Harry Potter DVDs.

Rights to our book have been sold in England, France, Canada, China, Italy, Australia and New Zealand. The American, French, Canadian, and British editions will all be out in mid-November. Since I know this book will have holiday appeal with fans going through Harry Potter withdrawal, it would be useful to us to have an estimate of your needs through the Christmas selling season. Please feel free to contact me if you need more information. I am going to be in Ann Arbor next Friday the 26th and would be happy to come by to answer any marketing questions you might have about this book.

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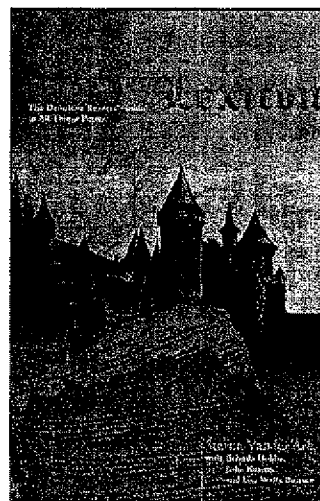
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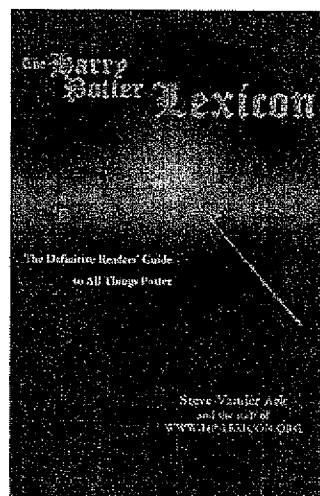
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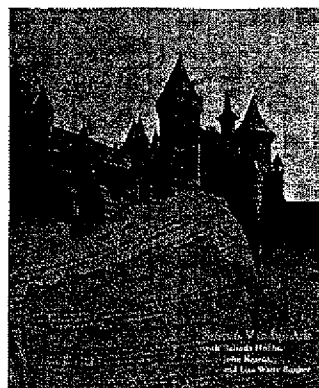
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**Subject:** Re: Harry Potter Encyclopedia  
**Date:** September 26, 2007 11:45:11 AM EDT  
**To:** "Roger Rapoport" <roger@rdrbooks.com>

Dear Roger,

I'm glad to confirm receipt of the five files of the Lexicon on September 18th. I have a good publisher in mind that I'll pitch the book to before Frankfurt. Their name is Novo Conceito, and they recently acquired the rights of a book called "Kids Letters to Harry Potter" and the response was amazing. I'm sure they'll be thrilled to have the opportunity of publishing the Lexicon.

We are going to Frankfurt, but unfortunately my schedule is already fully booked. My colleague (and mother) Lucia still has some free slots and we can try to set up a meeting with her. Will you have a stand or should we try to set something at our table in the Agents Center?

all best wishes,  
JP

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2007 2:39 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Harry Potter Encyclopedia

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does the book have any relation to this website? <http://www.hp-lexicon.org/>

please send me a list of international publishers together with the manuscript next week.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2007 1:24 PM

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**To:** Steve Vander Ark  
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Roger

On Aug 22, 2007, at 8:43 PM, Steve Vander Ark wrote:

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Steve

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2007 7:42 PM  
**To:** Steve Ark Vander  
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